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Washington, DC 20548

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The Honorable John D. Dingell
Ranking Minority Member
Committee on Energy and Commerce
House of Representatives

Dear Mr. Dingell:

We received your letter, dated April 19, 2001, jointly signed by Ranking Minority Member Henry A. Waxman, House Committee on Government Reform requesting the General Accounting Office to conduct a study concerning President Bush's energy policy task force.

GAO has accepted your request as work that is within the scope of our authority. We have assigned your request to Mr. Bob Robinson, Managing Director for Natural Resources and Environment. Mr. Robinson has staff immediately available to begin the work. Mr. Robinson or a member of his team will contact Rick Kessler of your office to discuss the request, your needs, and the assignment's objectives, scope and methodology in accordance with our protocols.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Robinson on 512-9894 or me on (202) 512-4507.

Sincerely yours,

Doris E.L. Cannon
Assistant Director
Congressional Relations